

I have been married 20 years to a police detective. When I got married I had a brand new car that was paid off and \$20,000 dollars in the bank. I had ideas of a bright future. I was in the Army Reserves, Very soon my husband had me leave army to raise a family. He wanted me home to to care for the family full time, cooking, cleaning shopping laundry homework dentists doctors etc. We agreed I would work part time and by then he wasn't making \$8,00 an hour anymore and I worked part time. We used the money I had for down payments on duplexes and our home. My new mustang was not practical for the new baby, so he sold it leased me a sedan and kept the money from the sale of my car to buy himself a truck. I felt he was making decisions on our future and I agreed.

We bought a duplex and a house and agreed we would have a home and our retirement we would live in half the duplex rent the other side and live on his pension. I thought that seemed like a great idea.

After some time, I walked in on him having sex with my neighbor, they had been having an affair for some time and I wasn't aware. I wasn't able to get that image out of my mind, and still cant. I went to therapy and he agreed it wouldn't happen again. I ended up on strong medications. This is when his drinking became worse and he was going out a lot and spending a lot of money so he started a business on the side and spent that money at the bar. He stopped taking care of the house and duplexes. He ripped the bathroom out 8 years ago and it is completely gutted and rags are stuffed in the whole where the toilet goes to prevent sewer leakage, He ripped the laundry room out, the upstairs has been tore out and now its just unfinished drywall. There are windows removed, siding taken off, no gutters, ceiling in garage falling down, and then the little things like no baseboards window in bedroom duck taped shut where the windows is broken. and many other things it would take to long to say.

He also let the duplexes go. There is half a roof on one of them and no carpet in another.

The drinking became worse. He started having more affairs. He had an affair with an 18 year old 8 month pregnant tenant.

I stayed because everything was in his name and I became disabled with a very rare form of lupus that caused a great deal of pain which I again had to take strong medication for. I had to have 5 surgeries on my right hand leaving it in a cast for a year and a half, and was no longer allowed to work. I had to go on disability. I have large parts of my hand missing.

Chuck made it clear he would take the kids due to my disability and he couldn't care for the kids with his extreme drinking. He continually drinks and drives and being a policeman would never be pulled over, He always has a beer in his hand when he drives unless he's working.

I called the police for domestic violence but a report wouldn't even be taken. He made it clear everything was his, if anyone had to leave it would b me. Everything we owned was in his name, and I make &700.00 disability and wouldn't be able to take care of the kids myself and even if I got child support I would be on the street when they got 18.. I even filed for separation. but Neighborhood Legal Services which was all I could afford did not do alimony only child support. He would get drunk called me foul names. The kids are scared of him and my older one told him he was a worthless

drunk while protecting his brother..He has stopped doing anything around the house. He does nothing with the kids because he can't drink. I do all the family things myself. he's made it clear if I take him to court he will do what he calls "testalie". I can't get a PFA because he will lose his right to carry his weapon and wont be able to work, that would make our lives impossible. He uses his work check to pay the bills, and his side work to pay for his drinking. He spends at least \$400.00 a week drinking conservatively figuring.

I tried to apply for a donated car but haven't been able to. I have reached out to attorneys but haven't found any that will help without at least \$2000.00 up front and I can't find a safe place for my children and I to go to, I can't take them to a shelter they are too terrified and they've been through enough. If anyone can help me get a car, an attorney or a safe apartment for us to go to please help us. There is so much more it would take me a book to explain what being married to an abusive detective involves. But he is intimidating has told me I will get nothing, he throws things, breaks things and everyone, even his friends, are terrified to tell him he is wrong. I know most of this is my fault for not saying no but I wanted to keep peace for my children. The fact is I want him to be as happy as he can be, I just need out and having no family I have no support. I can't live here, he comes and goes as he pleases then throws me out because everything is in his name and he owns it. He knows the law and I don't. I don't know where to begin. If anyone has resources to help please contact me.

Thank You for reading this.

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